

REMARKS

Entry of the above amendments and reconsideration of this application are requested.

Upon entry of the amendments, this application will contain claims 3-7, 11, 12, 20, 26-28, 50, 52, 53, 56-57, 59-60, and 62-89 pending and under consideration. The above-made amendments to the claims are supported in the specification as originally filed and introduce no new subject matter.

The Office Action objected to claims 4, 7, 52, 60 and 62 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. In response, these claims have been rewritten in independent form. In addition, claim amendments have been made to establish a set of dependent claims upon each rewritten independent claim. To accomplish this, certain existing dependent claims have been amended to depend upon certain rewritten independent claims, and some new dependent claims have been added that are worded in the same fashion as existing dependent claims. The resulting claim trees are summarized in the following chart.

Rewritten Independent Claim	Claims ultimately dependent thereon
4	3, 5-6, 11-12, 20, 26-28, 65
7	67-72, 89
52	50, 53, 56-57, 66, 75-76
60	59, 63-64, 79-80
62	83-88

It is submitted that the amendments herein, which remove all of the rejected subject matter and accept the allowable subject matter, render the rejections made in the Office Action moot without prejudice. Withdrawal of the rejections is thus solicited.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of this application containing claims 3-7, 11, 12, 20, 26-28, 50, 52, 53, 56, 57, 59, 60 and 62-89 is solicited. The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney if there are any questions about this submission or to afford an opportunity for an interview of the case should the Examiner believe that any objection or rejection remains applicable to the claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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